

**AGENDA ITEM:** California Digital Library/Library of California Joint Statement on Collaboration

**ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:** Consider the adoption of a Joint Statement on Collaboration with the California Digital Library for mutual benefit projects and services.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:** I move that the Library of California Board adopt the Joint Statement on Collaboration with the California Digital Library, and direct its Chief Executive Officer to assign staff as appropriate to develop and achieve programs and services which are in the interest of the Library of California.

**CURRENT STATUS:** Over the past decade, the University of California and the California State Library have cooperated in a number of projects to deliver information and services by electronic means. With the institution of the California Digital Library (CDL) and the enactment of the Library of California, there are now ever increasing opportunities for cooperation. Among the projects and collaborative activities already underway or identified as priorities by the CDL and the Library of California are:

- ❑ Development of and access to digital collections and services:
  - California Periodicals database
  - The Online Archive of California
  - Government Information
  - Digitization programs and projects
- ❑ Issues related to creation, archiving, access to and use of statewide digital collections:
  - Development and deployment of user authentication schemes
  - Development of portals or other similar access points to the resources of the California Digital Library and the Library of California
  - Standards and methods for archival-quality digitization
  - Statewide Information Database Licensing (SIDL) program, Negotiators' Advisory Task Force (NATF)

To enhance and frame these efforts, the CDL has requested that a joint statement on collaboration be signed that will give scope and direction as well as provide a framework for future planning. The Statement included with this agenda item as Exhibit A provides a framework which can be used to set policy and priority directions for current and future joint projects and services. This statement does not

commit either institution to support or participate financially in projects or services. It does identify current joint activities and possible areas in which future collaborative efforts may develop. The value of this statement to the Library of California is that it establishes a formal relationship with the California Digital Library, and it facilitates establishing priorities for future joint endeavors.

The California Digital Library has an advisory committee: the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC). Attached to this item as Exhibit B is a list of the Advisory Committee members for 1999-2000, the Committee's charge, and the organizational chart which shows its place within the organizational framework of the University of California. On March 28, 2000, the CDL presented this Joint Statement to SLASIAC for consideration, and it was adopted.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt the Joint Statement of Collaboration.

**RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:**

1. Discuss and consider policy directions related to joint ventures of the Library of California and the California Digital Library.
2. Consider specific initiatives of mutual benefit to the Library of California and the California Digital Library.

Relevant Committee: Support Services

Staff Liaison: Diana Paque